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INFO NEW YORK RECEPTION CENTER
AMCONSUL OPORTO
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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: BGEN, OEXC, PO
SUBJ: PORTUGUESE BANKERS TO PROMOTE EMMIGRANT REMITTANCES-
VOLUNTARY VISITORS

1. IN AN EFFORT TO BOLSTER FAITH OF PORTUGUESE EMMIGRANTS
IN SECURITY OF FINANCIAL HOLDINGS IN PORTUGAL, AND THUS SPUR
REMITTANCES, BANK OF PORTUGAL WILL SEND A 23-MAN COMMISSION ON
CONTINENTAL AND AZOREAN BANKERS TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA
FROM MAY 25-JUNE 13. DURING U.S. PORTION OF VISIT (JUNE 6-13)
COMMISSION WILL BE BASED IN NEW YORK OR BOSTON AND MAKE INDIVIDUAL
OR TEAM VISITS TO: FALL RIVER, NEW BEDFORD, BOSTON AND CAMBRIDGE,
MASS.; AND TO PROVIDENCE AND BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND. THEY
EXPECT TO MEET WITH EMMIGRANT BANKING, COMMERCIAL, SOCIAL AND
RELIGIOUS LEADERS TO DISCUSS CONDITIONS IN PORTUGAL AND TO EXPLAIN
RECENTLY ENNACTED GOP REMITTANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS.

2. GOP RIGHTLY CONSIDERS INCREASE OF EMMIGRANT REMITTANCES A KEY
ELEMENT IN ITS ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROGRAM. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE
THE BANK OF PORTUGAL MISSION BE AS SUCCESSFUL AS POSSIBLE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE NEW YORK
RECEPTION CENTER EXTEND HOSPITALITY IF CALLED UPON BY PORTUGUESE
DURING THEIR STAY IN U.S. EMBASSY IS PROVIDIING COMMISSION
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WITH CENTER'S NEW YORK ADDRESS.

4. LISBON OF COMMISSION MEMBERS FOLLOWS: AGUINALHO MASCARENHAS
WAHANON, ANTONIO AUGUSTO SIMAS DAMIAO DE MEDEIROS, JOAO LUIS DA
GRACA
LAGO PEREIRA, JOSE MANUEL PINTO BASTOS DE MORAIS, CARLOS ALBERTO
NOVO, VASCO ROMEIRO JARDIM RIBEIRO, ANTONIO MARTINS GOMES SANDIM,

MARIO PEREIRA MONIZ, HERBERT BETTENCOURT DART, JOAO CARLOS CORDERO
DA PONTE, LUIS MOTA FARIA, MARIO DUARTE DE OLIVEIRA, LUIS LESTER
FAGUNDES ANDRADE, JORGE MANUEL MOREIRA GONCALVES LEONARDO,
JOAO LUIS CABRAL DE LIMA ALBERGARIA, JOSE ILIDIO FARIA, FERNANDO
MANUEL RAPOSO MARCE, JOSE FRANCISCO RESENDE CARVALHO, RUI MANUEL
FERRAZ ORNELAS, IVO DOS REIS HOMEM, FERNANDO TAVARES SILVA
MELO, JOAO MANUEL RODRIGUES CARROCA, MANUEL MARIA DO COSTS.

5. FOR PONTA DELGADA/OPORTO: SEVERAL OF THE ABOVE WILL LIKELY
APPLY AT YOUR OFFICE FOR VISAS. REQUEST YOU FACILITATE PROCEDURES.
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